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MIDEAST -- NIGHTLEAD SOVIET (SCHEDULED)

MOSCOW, OCT. 25, REUTER -- SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV TODAY CANCELED OR POSTPONED A KEYNOTE SPEECH ON THE MIDDLE EAST, PRESUMABLY TO AWAIT LATER REPORTS ON WORLD REACTION TO THE CRISIS.

THE SOVIET LEADER HAD BEEN DUE TO ADDRESS THE OPENING OF THE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS IN MOSCOW IN THE KREMLIN PALACE OF CONGRESSES THURSDAY.

AS IS CUSTOMARY IN MOSCOW, NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAD BEEN MADE ANNOUNCING THE SPEECH BUT A VARIETY OF INFORMED AND RELIABLE SOURCES -- COMMUNIST, DIPLOMATIC AND PRESS -- HAD RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE PARTY LEADER'S INTENTIONS.

NATIONAL TELEVISION TIME HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR THE STATEMENT.

BUT INSTEAD OF DELIVERING A SPEECH, BREZHNEV SAT WITH THE OTHER TWO LEADING MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP -- PREMIER ALEXEI KOSYGIN AND PRESIDENT NIKOLAI PODGORNY -- ON THE ROSTRUM LISTENING TO OTHER SPEAKERS.

SINCE THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY OFFICIAL STATEMENT ABOUT HIS SPEECH THERE WAS NO KIND OF OFFICIAL CANCELLATION. WESTERN OBSERVERS THOUGHT IT PROBABLE THAT HE WOULD DELIVER THE SOVIET VIEWPOINT ON THE LATEST MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS SHORTLY -- PERHAPS ON FRIDAY...)

THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AGREED ON A JOINT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ARAB-ISRAELI CEASEFIRE AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS, AFTER WEEKEND TALKS IN MOSCOW BETWEEN U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV.

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BUT THIS SUPER-POWER HARMONY WAS DISTURBED THURSDAY WHEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION FAILED TO REACH IMMEDIATE UNDERSTANDING ON AN ARAB PROPOSAL FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO POLICE A CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT IN THE SUEZ CANAL AREA.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON THAT U.S. ARMED FORCES HAD PRECAUTIONARILY BEEN PLACED ON A WORLD-WIDE ALERT.

SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE CONSISTENTLY UNDERLINED THE CONTINUING MOMENTUM OF DETENTE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW ON ALL WORLD ISSUES, INCLUDING THE INFLAMMATORY MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

BUT IF BREZHNEV HAD PROPOSED MAKING DETENTE, AND THE WEEKEND SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON A CEASEFIRE, THE MAIN PART OF HIS MIDDLE EAST REFERENCES, THEN THURSDAY'S LATER NEWS WOULD CLEARLY HAVE CALLED FOR RECONSIDERATION, OBSERVERS SAID.

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TASS REPORTS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON EMERGENCY FORCE

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(TEXT) NEW YORK OCTOBER 25 TASS--ON STUDYING TODAY THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL'S VIOLATIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S FORMER RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST CEASEFIRE, THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY EIGHT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. IT DEMANDS AN IMMEDIATE AND FULL CEASEFIRE AND THE RETURN OF THE SIDES TO POSITIONS HELD AS OF OCTOBER 22, 1973. THE RESOLUTION URGES THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO IMMEDIATELY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS ON BOTH SIDES.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO SET UP A UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE UNDER ITS SUPERVISION WITHOUT DELAY CONSISTING OF PERSONNEL FROM UNITED NATIONS MEMBER-STATES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL OFFERED ALL MEMBER-STATES TO FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY 14 VOTES. THERE WERE NO VOTES AGAINST AND NO ABSTENTIONS. THE CHINESE DELEGATION DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE VOTE.

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